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Dear Sir,

Your office action letter of 24th Sept 2003.

I have taken all necessary actions to rectify the deficiencies in the application and the subsequent amendments. I have also taken the advice of a patent attorney here. I am hopeful that I got it right this time. I request you to write if there are any more deficiencies.

As explained in my earlier fax, this reply was delayed as I got your communication only on 19th October via Belgium and Bangalore and not directly. This delay may be condoned.

I am enclosing the following documents :

Marked up specification	21 pages
Clean version of specification	-----	10 pages. (You may ignore it if not required)
Amended claims	-----	3 pages
Intoduction to amendments	-----	3 pages
Notice of References	-----	1 page.
Remarks, Explanation of changes to drawings---		1 page
Drawings	-----	3 sheets

Yours sincerely,


B.Gopinath

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My application number 10/042,433. Multi knife cutting device.

1. Claims.

These amendments are in response to your office action letter dated 24th Sept 2003.

The Claims as originally submitted and also the ones amended by me on 26th June have been rejected as they are deficient. I am enclosing new revised claims after consulting a patent attorney here. I have noted all the rules for the Claim drafting mentioned by you.

2. Withdrawal/ cancellation of amendments sent on June 26th 2003.

I request approval to withdraw/ cancel all the amendments proposed by me on 26th June 2003 as they have not been accepted due to deficiencies. This will enable me to base my amendments on the original application dated 10th Jan 2002. It will improve clarity and unnecessary papers deleted.

3. Deletion of some embodiments and inclusion of amendment sent on 30th Jan 2003.

While drafting the present revised claims I reviewed the whole specification to make it concise and clear, without sacrificing any of the important features. As a result I have decided to delete some of the embodiments and add the description of one particular embodiment which was not included in the publication of my application on July 10th vide publication number US 2003 / 0126968 A1 (This publication published the drawings of this particular embodiment, fig nos 22,23, but not the description. I am giving further details on this later in this letter). I am giving the details of the deletions below, which will be further detailed in the marked up sections of the amendments.

Details of the embodiments deleted.

Page nos/original specification. Remarks.

1. Device A, Multiknife cutting device,

5,6,7,8.

Vertical action.

2. Device B, Multiknife cutting device,

9,10. A Replacement specification was

Inclined cutting action

sent on 30th Jan 2003 with a letter. See note
at the end of this list.

3. Device B. Multiknife cutting device,

11,12.

Heavy duty model.

4.. Device B, Multiknife cutting device,

Page 12 later half

Variation of heavy duty model,

Note on sl.no.2 device B. Multiknife cutting device, inclined cutting action.

A letter was sent by me on 30th Jan 2003, requesting deletion of device B on pages 9,10 of the original specification (fig.nos. 7,8,9,10) and replace it with the new text and drawings enclosed with the letter. I find that the figures nos. 22 and 23 which belong to the replacement device have been included in the official publication of my application on 10th July but not the description. This may be due to the reason of lack of clarity in my letter as to

which portion of the text in original text is to be replaced. As this embodiment is the best mode I would like to see this included in the amended specifications. I am giving several reasons below for the inclusion of this embodiment, called Multi knife cutting device ,Inclined cutting action.

- i. When the request for deletion and replacement was sent on 30 th Jan 2003, the examination of the application has not started.
- ii. The embodiment included in the letter of 30 th Jan 2003 ,is not distinct from the basic invention defined in the Section"Brief summary " of the original specification.It has the same structural components, same classification, same end use. It is different only in the shape of guides used for the knives which give full guiding.
- iii. This embodiment structure is supported in the original application in the section Brief summary,and also in device B,on pages 9,10. It should not be classified as new matter because of this .
- iv. The aim of the embodiment is to give a more efficient and best mode device which was a result of testing carried out by me between Jan 2002 when the application was filed and Jan 2003 when the request was made and the patent examination has not started.
- v. This embodiment is not fit for a new patent as it will be rejected because it is similar to my present application.

In view of the above I request you to accept the inclusion of the above embodiment in the present application. I will give the full details of the text to be deleted and the new text to be included in the Amendment enclosed.

4. Embodiments which remain after the deletions.

<u>Amended title</u>	<u>location in original specification</u>
i.Multiknife cutting device , Rotary action, ----- Embodiment 1.	Page 13 original specification
ii.Multiknife cutting device, Embodiment 2, Independent knife movement.	----- Page 14 original specification
iii.Multiknife cutting device, Inclined cutting action, ----- Embodiment 3.	requested inclusion,vide letter of 30 th Jan,2003.not there in original specification

5. Amendments to Other sections

In view of the above deletions, it has become necessary to amend the following sections also to incorporate the changes.

- a) First page of specification
- b) Background of the invention
- c) Brief summary,
- d) Brief description of drawings
- e) Other design variations
- f) Abstract

6. Specification amendments.

I am following the guidelines for Specification amendments, according to 37 CFR 1.121 (b) (2) (i i) of Oct 1st 2003. The paragraphs or Sections are amended by presenting marked up replacement text along with strike through on old text .

I have taken note of your instructions on the drawing numbering.

I am enclosing the list of references of prior art received from you in May 2003, with the amended specification.

I am also enclosing a clean version of the amended specifications in case it is required.



B. Gopinath.